

Jury Service Postponement, Excusal, and Disqualification

- [a] Scope of rule. This rule addresses the procedures for postponing and excusing jury service under RCW 2.36.100 and 2.36.110 and for disqualifying potential jurors under RCW 2.36.070 (basic statutory qualifications).
- [b] Delegation of authority to postpone, excuse, or disqualify.
 - (1) The judges of a court may delegate to court staff and county clerks their authority to disqualify, postpone, or excuse a potential juror from jury service.
 - (2) Any delegation of authority under this rule must be written and must specify the criteria for making these decisions.
 - (3) Judges may not delegate decision-making authority over any grounds for peremptory challenges or challenges for cause that fall outside the scope of this rule.
- [c] Grounds for postponement of service.
 - (1) Postponement of service for personal or work-related inconvenience should be liberally granted when requested in a timely manner.
 - (2) Postponement shall be to a specified period of time within the twelve-month period pursuant to RCW 2.36.100(2).
- [d] Grounds for excusal from service.
 - (1) Excusal from jury service shall be limited and shall be allowed only when justified by the criteria established in RCW 2.36.100(1) and 2.36.110.
- [e] Grounds for disqualification of potential jurors.

[Reserved. See RCW 2.36.070.]

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